

Graduating Utah's Minors Into Safe Drivers



Age
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Learner Permit. May apply to receive learner permit after:

1. Passing a knowledge test
2. Passing a physical and mental fitness test
3. Submitting a \$15 nonrefundable fee

Permitted driving. Learner permit allows minor (under 18) to drive if a driving instructor, parent, guardian, or responsible adult who signed for the minor is occupying the seat next to the minor.

Liability. Parent, guardian, or responsible adult (if no parent or guardian exists) must sign an application for a license or permit of a minor (under 18). The person who signs the application is jointly liable with the minor for civil compensatory damages caused by the minor when operating the motor vehicle upon a highway. If insurance is in place, liability only extends up to policy limits, unless the person also furnished the vehicle, which has no liability limit.

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Driver License. May be licensed at 16 if:

1. Completed driver education course
2. Passed the skills test
3. Paid a \$30 nonrefundable fee
4. Held learner permit for six months (if younger than 17)
5. Completed 40 hours (10 at night) of driving time with parent or responsible adult (up to 5 hours may be simulated)

Distinguishing characteristics of provisional licenses:

1. Portrait-style photo format different from other license certificate photo formats
2. Date person turns 19-- eligible to purchase tobacco
3. Date person turns 21-- eligible to purchase alcohol
4. Separate point system for traffic offenses

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Provisional license replaced with regular license.



Restrictions on Minors



Nighttime Operation:

A person younger than 17 may not operate a vehicle between midnight and 5:00 AM unless:

1. 21-year old in seat next to driver
2. To/from employment
3. To/from School-sponsored activity when returned to school by bus
4. Assignment from farmer or rancher
5. Emergency



Passengers:

Person younger than 17 may not drive with non-immediate family members for 6 months or until 17, whichever is sooner, unless:

1. 21-year old in seat next to driver
2. Assignment from farmer or rancher
3. Emergency



Alcohol:

Zero Tolerance

Persons under 21 years of age may not drive with any measurable blood, breath, or urine alcohol concentration.